Individuals and companies getting commission in sale og 155 MM guns

2284. SHRi YALI A SESl BHUSHANA RAO: SHRI CHr TA BASU: SHRi F. M KHAN:

Wil| the Ministe. of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gove nment have again sought for information from the Bofors and the Swedish jovemment regarding the names of indiv duals and companies (^ whom t'he comp iny paid commissions and other payments in the case of the sale of 155 MM guis to India;

(b) if so, what ire the details of in formation received o far; and

(c) when the ea lie.- lette,- in this re gard was written?

THE MINISTIR OF DEFENCE (SHRi K-C PAN'): (a) to (c) Government addressed M|S Bofars on 16th June, 1987, and the Swedish Government on I7th June, 1987, ci Hing for complete details of the ind viduals|companies to whom commission! °r other payments have been made in respect of the 155 MM Howitzer dea. Bof us' reply, received on 3rd July, 1987, did not provide the specific information askt d for by Government. In their reply, Bo'ors 'again denied the payment of bribes pr the use of middlemen to win their Indian contract. Bofors were again asked, on 16th July 1987, to furnish the specific information asked for in Government's letter of 16th June, 1987. M's. Bofors reply was received on 10th August, 1987 ard is under examination.

Sala otf blueprints of West Germany supplied Indian submarines ^ South Africa

2285. SHRI SH ANKER SINH VAGHELA: SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minis er 0f DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since inquired from the West German Government about the b ueprints of the recently purchased submarines having been sold to South Africa by the suppliers;

(b) if so, what are the details jn this regard and its impact on the safety and functioning of these submarines in India; and

(c) what actio, has been so 'far taken as per the confidentially clause of the contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) An enquiry committee of the BUNDESTAG of the Federal Republic of Germany has been appointed to investi gate the matter. The BUNDESTAG Com mittee is yet to complete its deliberations and submit its report. The matter shall be reviewed as soon as the requisite in formation becomes available.

(c) M|s. HDW have been addressed in the matter.

Rehabilitation of sick units i,, the small scale sector

2286. SHRI SHANKER SINH VEGHELA: SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India had constituted a Committee to study the problem of rehabilitation of sick units in the small scale sector;

(b) when did >t submit >ts report, and what are its findings and recommendation?;

(c) the follow-up action taken ~>0 far and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRl JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) A Committee on rehabilitation of sick SSI units was constituted by RBI in Feb. 1986.

(b) Th$_e$ Committee submitted its report in October, 1986. It$_s$ main recommenda tions wer$_e$ with respect to:—

(i) identification and arresting $_0$f incipient sickness

(ii)definitio$_n$ of sickness and viability norms

(iii) nature and extent $_0$f concessions that can 'form Part °f rehabilitation packages in respect of potentially viable sick SSI units.

(c) As a followup-up action on the find ings) recommendations, the RBI have is sued comprehensive guideline$_s$ for rehabi litation of s'^{ck} SSI units to all schedu led commercial banks in February, 1987.

Background of HDW, the West German Suppliers of submarines

2287. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained the background of West German Firm, HDW, before placing orders for two submarines;

(b) whether it is $_a$ fact that the Indian Ambassador in West Germany had submitted $_a$ report about the activities $_0$f this firm, HDW, tha$_t$ ii had sold submarine designs to South Africa;

(c) if $_s$o. wha$_t$ are the details thereof; and

(d) what ^{are} the reasons for which Government placed orders for two submarines with HDW, the West German firm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTUV OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATTL): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) una (/) A news report j$_n$ the Hindustan Times of 24th December, 1986 asserted that blue-prints 0/ the HDW submarines supplied to India had been sold to South Africa The matter was ^{tak}en up with the West German Government. An enquiry Committee of the BUNDESTAG of the Federal Republic of Germany has been appointed t^j investigate the matter. The BUNDESTAG Committee is yet to complete its deliberations arid submit its report.

ul i No order ha$_s$ been placed witu HDW for the supply of tw$_0$ additional submarines.

Deal with HDW for supply of submarines

2288. SHRl GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister o'f DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is $_a$ fact that Government have executed a deal with a German firm, HDW, fo$_r$ the supply of t$_{Wo}$ submarines;

(b) if so. when fni$_s$ deal was entered into;

, (c) whether Government are aware that an Indian firm Hinduja, are working for HDW, the German ^{fi}rm; and

(d) whethe$_r$ Government have conducted any enquiry jnto this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SH1VRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) A contract was signed with M|s. HDW of F.R.G. on 11-12-1981, for the supply of submarines and material packages.

(c) and (d) Government addressed the Government of Federal Republic o'f Ger many and M|s. HDW to furnish complete details $_0$f the Indian agent$_s$ involved in fhis contract. Mjs. HDW have replied the negotiations in respect of the Contract